

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BANGKO 17800 111213Z

12

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 COA-01 INT-05 RSC-01 OES-02 /020 W

----- 061113

P R 111112Z NOV 74

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8258

INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BANGKOK 17800

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SEATO, EPAP, TH

SUBJ: SEATO: ALLEGED SMUGGLING OF GIBBONS

REF: BANGKOK 17734

1. LT. COL. WINTER, USA, DIRECTOR OF US COMPONENT AT SEATO MEDICAL RESEARCH LAB, FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE RE SHIPMENT OF 11 GIBBONS TO UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS IN AUGUST 1973, EMPHATICALLY DENIES THAT AMBASSADOR UNGER PERSONALLY INTERVENED IN ANY WAY IN SUBJECT SHIPMENT.

2. FILES RE SHIPMENT MAINTAINED BY SEATO LAB REVEAL THAT EMBASSY DID REQUEST FREE EXPORT OF GIBBONS FROM RTG CUSTOMS. THIS WAS DONE TO FACILITATE EXPORT AND EXEMPT SHIPPER FROM ANY PAYMENT OF EXPORT DUTIES, BUT ONLY AFTER THE NECESSARY RTG EXPORT PERMITS HAD BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF FOREIGN TRADE, LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIL AVIATION. POSSESSION OF THESE EXPORT PERMITS WOULD ALSO HAVE ENABLED SEATO LAB SHIP GIBBONS LEGALLY FROM THAILAND.

3. DR. SHIRLEY MCGREATL CO-AUTHORED ARTICLE IN JUNE 2, 1974 BANGKOK POST WHICH STATED THAT, ACCORDING TO MR. PONG LENG-EE, CHIEF OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SECTION, RTG FORESTRY DEPT., GIBBON SHIPMENT WAS ILLEGAL SINCE IT WAS DONE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE FORESTRYDEPT. STAFF. ON JUNE 21 REAR ADMIRAL SAMRIT JATINANDANA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SEATO LAB, WROTE LETTER TO BANGKOK OST, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED, DENYING ACCUSATION AND CITING RTG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BANGKO 17800 111213Z

PERMITS OBTAINED FOR SHIPMENT.

4. PROBLEM OF LEGAL VIS-A-VIS ILLEGAL SHIPMENT UNDOUBTEDLY
AROSE AS RESULT FOREIGN TRADE DEPT. FAILING TO REQUEST APPROVAL
OF FORESTRY DEPT. BEFORE ITS GRANTED REQUIRED EXPORT PERMIT.
KINTNER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MONKEYS, SMUGGLING
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BANGKO17800
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740324-0168
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741155/aaaabukr.tel
Line Count: 66
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: BANGKOK 17734
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12-Aug-2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <14 MAR 2003 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SEATO: ALLEGED SMUGGLING OF GIBBONS
TAGS: EPAP, TH, US, SEATO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005